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States is carried on alongside the wharf at the custom-house. Fruit is taken aboard while the steamships are at anchor.

Fruit ships no longer ascend the Escondido River to Rama, but remain in Bluefields Lagoon during their stay in port.

All passengers for the United States must go via Limon, Costa Rica, as all Bluefields steamships, after leaving here, proceed to that port for completion of cargoes.

Passengers are not allowed to land in Limon.

The manager of the steamship company has informed me that his vessels will not carry passengers from Bluefields for Limon. Orders to that effect were received by him from the United Fruit Company manager in the latter-named port.

PANAMA.

Report from Bocos del Toro, fruit port.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Osterhout reports as follows: Week ended April 7, 1907. Present officially estimated population, 4,954; general sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

Bills of health issued to the following-named vessels:

| Date. | Vessel. | Destination. | Number of crew. | Number of passengers from this port. | Number of passengers in transit. | Pieces of baggage disinfected. |
|--------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Apr. 2 | Helen..... | Mobile..... | 21 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 4 | Fort Gaines..... | do..... | 23 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 5 | Esparta..... | New Orleans..... | 44 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 5 | Katie..... | Mobile..... | 22 | 1 | 0 | 0 |

PERU.

Reports from Callao—Inspection of vessels—Plague in Peru—Plague and smallpox in Chilean ports—Epizootic among rodents at Arequipa.

Assistant Surgeon Wightman reports, March 17 and 25:

Week ended March 16, 1907. Vessels were dispatched as follows:

The Japanese steamship *Kasato Maru*, on the 14th instant, for Honolulu, with general cargo and a total personnel of 182, of whom 2 cabin and 62 steerage passengers were from this port.

The British steamship *Peru*, on the 15th instant, for Ancon, Canal Zone, with general cargo and a total personnel of 238, of whom 3 members of crew, 82 cabin, and 40 steerage passengers were from this port.

The German steamship *Uarda*, on the 16th instant, for San Francisco, Cal., with niter and ores, and a total personnel of 63, of whom 1 cabin passenger and 2 members of crew were from this port.

The following is reported from Chile by bills of health: Antofagasta, 19 cases of plague, with 11 deaths, in 2 weeks ended March 6; Coquimbo, 12 cases of smallpox, with 2 deaths, in 2 weeks ended March 4; Iquique, smallpox still present.

The latest report on plague received from the Director de Salubridad states as follows:

| Locality. | Cases Mar. 7. | New. | Recovered. | Died. | Remaining Mar. 12. |
|------------------------------|------------------|-------|------------|-------|-----------------------|
| Lima..... | 3 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| Chosica..... | 5 | 1 | ..... | 1 | 5 |
| Callao..... | 1 | 1 | ..... | ..... | 2 |
| Trujillo..... | 19 | 7 | 2 | 5 | 19 |
| San Pedro and Pacasmayo..... | 11 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 10 |
| Paíta..... | 4 | 5 | (?) 1 | (?) 1 | 6 |
| Mollendo..... | 1 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1 |
| Chiclayo..... | 10 | 3 | ..... | 2 | 11 |
| Chepen..... | 3 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 3 |
| Lambayeque..... | 3 | 4 | ..... | 4 | 3 |
| Eten..... | 2 | 1 | ..... | 1 | 2 |

Week ended March 23, 1907. The Chilean steamship *Mapocho* was dispatched on the 23d instant for Ancon, Canal Zone, with general cargo and a total personnel of 207, of whom 67 cabin and 54 steerage passengers were from this port.

The following is the latest report on plague received from the Director de Salubridad:

| Locality. | Cases Mar. 13. | New. | Recovered. | Died. | Remaining Mar. 20. |
|------------------------------|-------------------|-------|------------|-------|-----------------------|
| Lima..... | 5 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 6 |
| Chosica..... | 5 | 2 | 2 | ..... | 5 |
| Callao..... | 2 | ..... | 1 | ..... | 1 |
| Trujillo..... | 19 | 11 | 2 | 6 | 22 |
| Catacaos..... | 1 | ..... | 1 | ..... | ..... |
| San Pedro and Pacasmayo..... | 10 | ..... | 4 | ..... | 6 |
| Paíta..... | 6 | 15 | ..... | 11 | 10 |
| Chiclayo..... | 11 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 8 |
| Chepen..... | 3 | ..... | (?) 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Lambayeque..... | 3 | 1 | ..... | ..... | 4 |
| Eten..... | 2 | 9 | ..... | 4 | 7 |
| Mollendo..... | ..... | 1 | ..... | ..... | 1 |

This last case did not originate in the port of Mollendo, but in the city of Arequipa. The inhabitants of Arequipa are alarmed over an epizootic among the rodents in their town, which it is feared may be due to plague.

The following is reported by bills of health from Chile: Santiago (reported from Valparaiso), plague present, March 6; Antofagasta, 23 cases of plague, with 12 deaths, in 2 weeks ended March 12; Coquimbo, 7 cases of smallpox, with no deaths, in 2 weeks ended March 7; Iquique, smallpox still present.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Report from Manila—Inspection of vessels—Smallpox.

Chief Quarantine Officer Heiser reports, March 13, as follows:

Week ended March 9, 1907. Quarantinable disease reported as follows: Smallpox, 2 cases; no deaths.

A few sporadic cases per week of smallpox continue to occur in Manila, and an investigation of the cases usually shows that the infection was contracted in one of the provinces which has not yet